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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to state contracts; to require technology
- 2 access clauses; and to provide duties.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1.   (1) The Division of Rehabilitative Services  
2   for the Visually Impaired within the Department of Health and Human  
3   Services, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, and the  
4   Chief Information Officer, in consultation with other state  
5   agencies and after at least one public hearing, shall develop a  
6   technology access clause to be included in all contracts entered  
7   into by the state or state agencies on and after January 1, 2000.

8                   (2) The technology access clause shall clearly state, as  
9   a condition for the expenditure of state funds in the purchase of  
10   information technology infrastructure, that the technology shall be  
11   capable of supporting modification and otherwise provide for  
12   eequivalent access for both visual and nonvisual use.

13                  (3) The technology access clause shall be included in all  
14   contracts made by state agencies that involve the purchase of an  
15   automated information system, without regard to:

16                  (a) The source of funds used to make the purchase;

17                  (b) Whether the purchase is made under delegated  
18   purchasing authority; or

19                  (c) The source of law under which the purchase is made.